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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: CODEL MONTGOMERY'S VISIT TO VIENTIANE

REF: STATE 197935

1. IN VIEW OF THE LAO GOVERNMENT'S APPROVAL OF CODEL
MONTGOMERY'S VISIT (VIENTIANE 831), WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH
BASIC PLANNING. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE FOLLOWING OUTLINE
SCHEDULE BE FOLLOWED:
FRIDAY, AUGUST 25:

AM ARRIVE AT VIENTIANE'S WATTAY AIRPORT BY SPECIAL
USAF AIRCRAFT. PROCEED TO LANE XANG HOTEL.

1245 DEPART LANE XANG HOTEL FOR CHARGE'S RESIDENCE.

1300 WORKING BUFFET LUNCH AT CHARGE'S RESIDENCE.
BRIEFINGS BY EMBASSY STAFF.

P.M. APPOINTMENTS WITH LAO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.
RETURN TO LANE XANG HOTEL.

1915 DEPART LANE XANG HOTEL FOR CHARGE'S RESIDENCE.

1930 BUFFET DINNER AT CHARGE'S RESIDENCE WITH LAO
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OFFICIALS, MEMBERS OF VIENTIANE'S DIPLOMATIC
CORPS, AND EMBASSY STAFF.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26:

A.M. IF NECESSARY, APPOINTMENTS WITH LAO OFFICIALS
WHO COULD NOT BE SEEN AUGUST 25. OTHERWISE, FREE

FOR SHOPPING AND WALKS AROUND VIENTIANE.

1245 DEPART LANE XANG HOTEL FOR CHARGE'S RESIDENCE

1300 POOLSIDE PICNIC/BUFFET WITH LOCAL AMERICAN
COMMUNITY (TWO QUAKER REPRESENTATIVES, TWO
MENNONITE REPRESENTATIVES, AND POSSIBLY TWO
BUSSINESSMEN) AND EMBASSY STAFF.

P.M. DEPART FROM VIENTIANE'S WATTAY AIRPORT FOR
GUAM BY SPECIAL USAF AIRCRAFT.

2. WE WILL BE REQUESTING APPOINTMENTS WITH LAO OFFICIALS
THROUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT. WE
THINK WE SHOULD ASK FOR THE PRESIDENT, THE PRIME MINISTER, AND
THE FOREIGN MINISTER, BUT WE DO NOT WANT TO MAKE ANY
PROMISES THAT WE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING THEM.

3. WE WILL BE SENDING A SEPARATE TELEGRAM DISCUSSING ADMIN-
ISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT OBTAIN CONCURRENCE
IN PRINCIPLE WITH THE ABOVE SCHEDULE FROM CONGRESSMAN
MONTGOMERY'S OFFICE SO THAT WE MAY REQUEST APPOINTMENTS
AND ARRANGE SOCIAL EVENTS.

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